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1. PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH TOOK ME ASIDE AFTER FORMAL PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS THIS MORNING TO REPORT HE HAD STUDIED PRESIDENT FORD'S LETTER ON ANGOLA AND HAD DISCUSSED IT WITH MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OULD MOUKNASS BEFORE LATTER LEFT LAST NIGHT FOR OAU FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING IN ADDIS. PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH OFFERED NO COMMENT ON SUBSTANCE OF PRESIDENT FORD'S LETTER.

2. HOWEVER, PRESIDENT INCLUDED FOLLOWING SENTENCES ON ANGOLA IN HIS RESPONSE TO DEAN'S GREETINGS. QTE AND OXIS IS THE PLACE FOR US TO REITERATE OUR SHARPEST REGRET (PEINE) ON THE SUBJECT OF THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA. IN CONDEMNING CATEGORICALLY THE INTEVENTION BY FORZWGN POWERS IN OUR BROTHER COUNTRY, AND MOST PARTICULARLY THE INTOLERABLE POLICE ROLE THAT THE RACIST MINORITY REGIME IN SOUTH AFRICA, WHICH ALREADY OPPRESSES IN AN INHUMAN MANNER MILLIONS OF OUR BROTHERS ON SOUTH AFRICAN SOIL AND IN NAMIBIA..., I SAY IN CONDEMNING THIS POLICE ROLE WHICH SOUTH AFRICA WISHES TO ARROGATE TO ITSELF IN ANGOLA, WE CALL ON OUR ANGOLAN BROTHERS TO BRING ABOUT NATIONAL CONCORD AND EXPRESS THE FERVENT HOPE LYAT THE FORTHCOMING OAU MEETING WILL CONTRIBUTE IN A DECISIVE FASHION TO BRINGING THIS ABOUT. UNQTE.HANDYSIDE

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